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Herbert Mitgang will leave the New York Times, where he has been an editor, writer and critic for the past 18 years and member of the editorial board for the past year, to take a newly created CBS News post of assistant to the president and executive editor. He'll make the switch-

over on May 1.

A CBS News spokesman described Mitgang's assignment as being "creative eyes and ears" for Fred W. Friendly head of the pays opens. ly, head of the news opera-tion. The Timesman put in a hitch at the network during the 1962-63 newspaper strike.